

## **Amendment to the Claims**

### **1-13. (Cancelled)**

14. (Currently Amended) A nose mask comprising:

an arrangement axle;

a mask portion removably mounted on the arrangement axle, wherein the arrangement axle can be inserted from nares into a nasal vestibule to attach the mask portion to a nasal cavity of a user,

the mask portion including a cellulose sponge and a pair of round-shaped filters arranged on opposite sides of the cellulose sponge, the round-shaped filters being capable of filtering polluted air and collecting dust, and the cellulose sponge being capable of absorbing and buffering liquid; and

a cap and a stopper securing the mask portion to a portion of the arrangement axle by sandwiching the mask portion between the cap and the stopper,

wherein the first and second round shaped filters have a diameter that is larger than a diameter of the cellulose sponge, and

wherein the cap includes structure defining a central passage receiving the arrangement axle, and a first engagement portion engaging an engagement member of the arrangement axle to secure the cap on the arrangement axle, and a second engagement portion engaging an engagement

member of the stopper in order to sandwich the filters and the cellulose sponge between the cap and the stopper thereby preventing the mask portion from being disengaged from the arrangement axle by a force applied transversely to a plane direction of the filters.

**15-16. (Cancelled)**

17. (Currently Amended) The nose mask as claimed in ~~claim 16~~claim 14, wherein the structure defining the central passage extends through the round shaped filters and the cellulose sponge.

18. (Previously Presented) The nose mask as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first and second round shaped filters are positioned to contact internal surfaces of a nasal vestibule when the mask portion is inserted therein.

19. (Currently Amended) A nose mask comprising:

an arrangement axle;

a mask portion removably mounted on the arrangement axle, wherein the arrangement axle can be inserted from nares into a nasal vestibule to attach the mask portion to a nasal cavity of a user,

the ~~nose-mask~~mask portion including a cellulose sponge and round-

shaped silicone rubber discs arranged on opposite sides of the cellulose sponge, wherein the silicone rubber discs are water impermeable, and the cellulose sponge is capable of absorbing and buffering water; and

a cap and a stopper for securing the mask portion to a portion of the arrangement axle, wherein the mask portion is sandwiched by the cap and the stopper, and the cap includes an axle upon which the silicone rubber discs and the cellulose sponge are received,

wherein the cellulose sponge is cylindrical, and each of the round-shaped silicone rubber discs has a diameter that is larger than a diameter of the cylindrical cellulose sponge, and

wherein the cap includes structure defining a central passage receiving the arrangement axle, and a first engagement portion engaging an engagement member of the arrangement axle to secure the cap on the arrangement axle, and a second engagement portion engaging an engagement member of the stopper in order to sandwich the silicone rubber filters and the cellulose sponge between the cap and the stopper thereby preventing the mask portion from being disengaged from the arrangement axle by a force applied transversely to a plane direction of the filters.

**20-21. (Cancelled)**

22. (Currently Amended) The nose mask as claimed in ~~claim 21~~claim 19, wherein the structure defining the central passage extends through the silicone rubber shaped filters and the cylindrical cellulose sponge.

23. (Previously Presented) The nose mask as claimed in claim 19, wherein the round-shaped silicone rubber discs are positioned to contact internal surfaces of a nasal vestibule when the mask portion is inserted therein.